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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**PHOTOMASK DEFECT TESTING METHOD, PHOTOMASK MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING METHOD**

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

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Priority Foreign Application(s):

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